



Annual Downtown Spring Parade

Join friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 30 for Mountain View’s 27th Annual Downtown Spring Parade. This year’s theme is “It’s a Jungle Out There.” The parade begins at 12:00 noon, rain or shine, on Castro Street.

Stay after the parade and share in the fun at Pioneer Park, where you’ll find children’s activities, music, food and entertainment. Pioneer Park is located directly behind City Hall at 1146 Church Street.

Owners of interesting vehicles, family-oriented entertainers and community, school and neighborhood groups are encouraged to participate in the parade. No political or commercial groups are permitted.

Applications to participate in the parade are available at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The application deadline is Friday, April 8.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



Work on New Graham Reservoir/Playing Fields Project Begins

In January, the City began construction of an 8-million gallon reservoir beneath playing fields at Graham Middle School. The new reservoir is a joint project between the City of Mountain View and the Mountain View-Whisman School District.

The purpose of the project is to provide additional water storage for the City, while improving the playing fields and field maintenance on the school site. The playing fields will be used by students during the day and by the community as after-hour sports fields on nights and weekends.

The joint agreement calls for the City to construct and maintain the completely buried reservoir, and construct and care for the school playing fields located above the reservoir. The reservoir will include a groundwater well, pump station, pipes and other infrastructure to support the reservoir and well. The renovated athletic fields will include an all-weather regulation track and field, a soccer/football field, a soccer field, a baseball/softball field, and basketball and volleyball courts. A restroom and equipment storage room are also included in the project.

Construction on the reservoir is expected to be complete in about one year. Pipelines for the project will be installed this summer, to avoid impacting traffic at the school. The final phase of the project will be the construction of new the sports field and facilities, which is scheduled to begin January 2006. The sports fields and facilities should be available to the community and school for use in August 2006.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Arbor Day Celebration March 12

The City celebrates Arbor Day on Saturday, March 12, 2005 in Pioneer Memorial Park, located at 1146 Church Street. Festivities begin (rain or shine) at 10:15 a.m. with a Reading Program in the Mountain View Public Library and continue in the Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a tree planting ceremony at 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy free activities, including children’s arts and crafts, face painting, a complimentary hot dog and drink, a guided tree walk within Pioneer Park, and a climbing demonstration by the City of Mountain View’s expert tree crew. Browse informational booths to learn more about trees, composting, recycling, and get tips on how to landscape your yard from community experts.

Bring your old button batteries, fluorescent bulbs, thermometers and thermostats to the Santa Clara County Mercury Recycling Team’s booth and help preserve our environment.

For more information, please contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



Celebrate July 4th at Shoreline Amphitheatre

The City of Mountain View will once again co-sponsor the annual July 4th celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, featuring the San Francisco Symphony and a spectacular fireworks display.

Mountain View residents will be eligible to purchase discounted tickets to the event.

Additional information regarding purchasing tickets will be available in May. For more information about the event, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office at (650) 903-4040 or visit the City’s website at: www.ci.mtnview.ca.us.

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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



Stevens Creek Trail Receives Grant Funds

A \$700,000 State Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant has been awarded to the City to fund the design and a portion of the construction of the segment of the Stevens Creek Trail between Yuba Drive and the north meadow south of El Camino Real. TFCA grants fund projects that help reduce air pollution, such as bicycle/pedestrian pathways like the Stevens Creek Trail.

Design work has begun on the final 1.7-mile segment of the Trail (Reach 4, Segment 2) that will run from Yuba Drive to Mountain View High School. The final segment of the Trail will include a pedestrian tunnel under El Camino Real providing residents on the south side of El Camino Real with easy access to the Trail.

Construction of the first section of this segment is targeted to begin in during the summer of 2006. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

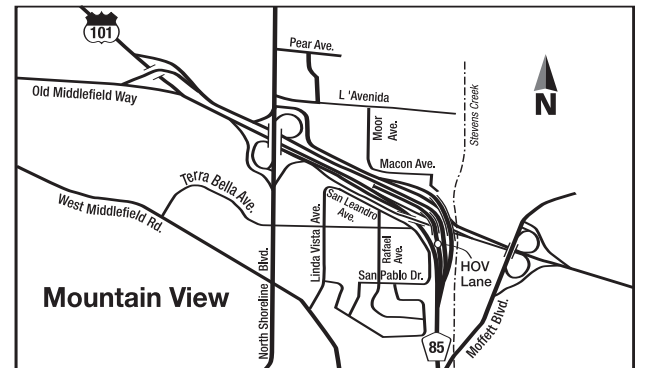
Highway 101 Improvements Update

Work on the \$142 million project by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Caltrans to make improvements to four major interchanges along Highway 101 in Mountain View remains on schedule. Completion of the project is slated for early 2006.

Changes are being made to interchanges at Moffett Boulevard, Old Middlefield Way, Shoreline Boulevard and Route 85. Currently, construction of the Moffett Boulevard interchange is complete, as is construction on the first ramp from northbound Route 85. Also, Highway 101 over Stevens Creek has been widened, a left-hand turn lane for southbound Highway 101 has been opened from Shoreline Boulevard, and the final configuration of the southbound Highway 101 connector ramp to Route 85 is complete.

In the coming months, work will include:

- Reconstructing the connector ramp from northbound Route 85 to northbound Highway 101.
- Constructing the Old Middlefield way overpass across Highway 101.



- Constructing the northbound Shoreline Boulevard braided on-ramp to southbound Highway 101.

The City is working with the VTA to help mitigate the impacts of the construction on motorists and residents. The VTA will provide commuters and residents with construction updates through radio announcements, notices to affected businesses and property owners, roadway signs, and information on their web site at www.vta.org. Information is also available by calling the Mountain View Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

Mayfield Mall Site Update

An environmental impact study is currently underway on a proposal to develop housing on the former site of Mayfield Mall at the corner of Central Expressway and San Antonio Road. The 27-acre site is owned by Hewlett Packard, which vacated the buildings in 2002. The new housing would be developed by Toll Brothers, Inc.

In addition to studying the impacts of the developer's proposal for building 630 housing units, the study will also evaluate a set of alternative development proposals approved by the City Council. The study will also evaluate the impacts of maintaining the current zoning on the site, allowing only office and industrial uses.

The result of the environmental study, an environmental impact report (EIR), is expected to be complete this summer. The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will then begin holding public hearings and use the results of the EIR to decide whether or not to recommend approval of a General Plan amendment and a revised Precise Plan outlining zoning changes that would be required for the developer to move forward with residential development. The City Council is likely to make a decision on whether to amend the General Plan and zoning in early 2006. A separate approval will be required for a specific development project on the site.

For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

El Camino Hospital Building Plans Move Forward

The City Council is scheduled in March to consider plans by El Camino Hospital for a new 300-bed hospital building and other medical facilities at its current Grant Road site. This work is being done so that the hospital can conform with new seismic and operational standards.

The hospital's redevelopment plans call for:

- Demolition of the existing main hospital tower and the Oak Pavilion.
- Construction of a five-story, 300-bed hospital building.
- The addition of a two-story, 66,000 sq. ft. medical office building.
- A new 28,000 sq. ft. dialysis center and administration building.
- Construction of a four-level, 850-car parking garage.

The project will require City Council approval of amendments to the current El Camino Medical Park Precise Plan to increase the maximum allowable height in the northwest portion of the site, where the proposed medical office building and parking garage would be located.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

Slow Economy Continues to Impact City Revenues as FY 2005-06 Budget Process Begins

The Bay Area’s slow economic recovery will continue to present challenges for the City as it works on developing its Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 budget.


The City began work on the FY 2005-06 budget in December and the budget process will continue with public meetings throughout the spring. The City Council will consider the FY 2005-06 proposed budget at a public hearing on June 7. The final FY 2005-06 budget will be presented to the City Council for adoption on June 14.

Since FY 2001-02, the City has experienced a more than 15 percent decline in its General Operating Fund revenues. In order to maintain a balance between ongoing City expenditure and declining revenue levels, the City has eliminated more than 60 positions and the City has aggressively cut costs and implemented new economies and efficiencies to further decrease ongoing operating expenses. These efforts have allowed the City to continue to balance its budget despite the revenue losses with only minimal service impacts to residents.

Although some City revenue sources have begun to show signs of modest growth, it is unlikely that the City will experience sufficient revenue growth in FY 2005-06 to fund the anticipated costs of maintaining its existing programs and the impacts of an additional year of local government revenue diversions by the State. The City will lose approximately \$3.5 million in revenues to the State next year.

Proposition 1A, approved by the voters in November 2004, included a constitutional amendment safeguarding local governments from future State revenue raids.

The City’s FY 2005-06 budget could be negatively impacted even more if State reimbursements and grant funding to local governments are reduced/eliminated as proposed in the Governor’s proposed FY 2005-06 State budget.

For more information regarding the City of Mountain View budget development process or upcoming budget hearings, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit the City’s website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov. 

It Pays To Shop Mountain View

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or eat at restaurants in Mountain View, the City receives 1% of the 8.25% sales tax that is collected. (The State and other agencies receive the other 7.25%.) Although this percentage may seem small, sales tax revenue quickly adds up for the City. Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 25% of the revenue used by the City’s General Operating Fund.

The General Operating Fund supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and parks services and library services.

When local sales taxes decline, the decline directly impacts the ability of the City to fund some of these basic services. So, remember, every time you shop locally or dine out on Castro Street, you help support and maintain the quality of City services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City, and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live.



Mountain View Home to Fast Growing Companies

Five companies located in Mountain View were named to the “Fast 50” awards list this past year. The list is published by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal and recognizes the 50 fastest-growing private companies in the Silicon Valley.

The five Mountain View businesses reflect the City’s diverse economic base and include:

- Thoits Insurance Services Inc.
- Services by Medallion
- CV Partners, Inc.
- Google Inc.
- Evolve Manufacturing Technologies, Inc.

As part of Mountain View’s economic development efforts, the City is working to attract and retain companies with growth potential in order to maintain a solid and vibrant tax base for the City.

For more information about the City’s economic development program, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.


Community Yard and Garage Sales Scheduled for May 7 and May 14

Don’t miss the opportunity to shop for or sell used items at two events in May.

City-Wide Garage Sale on May 7

Hold a garage sale at your home on **Saturday, May 7** as part of a City-wide event sponsored by the City’s Solid Waste and Recycling Section. The garage sales are scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A free how-to kit is available to help you make your garage sale a success. The deadline to register for the garage sale is Friday, April 22. Call (650) 903-6311 for more information or to register.


Community Yard Sale On May 14

Join friends and neighbors in Rengstorff Park on **Saturday, May 14, 2005** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Community Yard Sale. More than 100 vendors will be there with hot bargains and good food. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information. The registration deadline for this event is Friday, April 22 or when the limited number of spaces are filled. 

Library Streamlines Access to Computer Resources

The Mountain View Public Library is introducing new software that will make it easier and more convenient for customers to use the Library’s free Internet access computers. The new Public Access Management Systems (PAMS) software allows Library users to sign up to use an Internet computer electronically. The system then notifies the customer when the next available computer is ready. The PAMS software should eliminate the need for waiting in line to use the computer, as well as reduce waiting time.

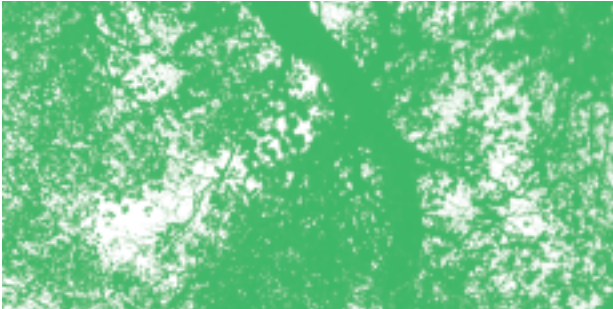
To use the PAMS software, customers can exchange their current Library card for a new Smart Card at the circulation desk. The Smart Card not only works as a library card and Internet computer sign up card, but it keeps track of computer-use time and can be used to prepay any charges for printing items off the Internet.

Smart Cards are available free of charge to current Mountain View Public Library card holders, or new card applicants. There is a small fee to replace a lost Library or Smart Card. For more information, visit the circulation desk at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, or call (650) 903-6335. 

Teens: Need a Job?
Come to the 2005 Teens at Work Fair

Wednesday, March 30
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mountain View High School Cafeteria

Dozens of employers will provide applications and on-the-spot interviews. For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



New Trees Planned Along Castro Street

Work began in February on the first phase of a plan to replace approximately 170 Idaho locust trees along Castro Street in the downtown. The trees were originally planted as part of the redevelopment of the downtown area more than a decade ago, but are being replaced now because brittle tree branches frequently break off in high winds and the trees are highly susceptible to aphids and require spraying with insecticidal soaps.

In May 2004, the City Council approved a recommendation by the Urban Forestry Board to replace the Idaho locusts with a mixed stand of sycamore, Chinese pistache and crape myrtle trees.

The three replacement species were chosen because they are attractive, hardy street trees that will add to the ambiance of Castro Street. Plans call for the planting of sycamore trees from the 100 to 300 blocks and in the 800 and 900 blocks of Castro Street. The 400 through 800 blocks will be planted with Chinese pistache. Crape myrtle trees will be planted as accent trees at specific locations throughout the downtown.

In addition to replacing the trees, the City will modify the metal tree guards to decrease damage to tree trunks from parking cars.

The second phase of tree replacement will take place next winter.

For more information, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

Council Approves Plans for New Medical Facility on Former Emporium Site

In November, the City Council approved plans for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation to construct a new medical facility on the former Emporium site at 701 El Camino Real East. The 250,000 sq. ft. project will include office and exam rooms, an urgent care center, an outpatient surgery center, a pharmacy, a laboratory and services for diagnostic radiology.

The development plan calls for a two-level parking area, the protection of several heritage trees, bike lanes, and a landing area for the Stevens Creek Trail overpass. The architectural design includes renewable resource materials, use of natural daylight and other sustainable design techniques.

For more information about the project, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 

Police Department Community Education Classes

The Mountain View Police Department offers a variety of classes free of charge to educate residents on crime prevention and protecting their families and businesses. Upcoming classes include:

Individual and Family Safety

May 10	Keeping Our Children Safe , 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street
May 18	Home Security—Keeping the Burglars Out , 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street
August 18- November 3	Citizen Police Academy (12-week program on Police operations) Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street Applications at www.mvpd.gov or (650) 903-6161 ext. 1395

Seniors


April	Safety for Seniors , 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
October	Free of Fraud , 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue

Spanish Language Classes

April 21	Getting to Know Your Police Department , 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street
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Commercial and Small Business Classes

May 11	Building Security—For Big and Not So Big Businesses , 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location to be announced
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All classes require pre-registration and are subject to a minimum class size. To register for a class, please visit us at www.mvpd.gov or call our Community Education Class information and registration line at (650) 903-6161 ext. 1395. 


Shoreline Amphitheatre Resident Ticket Policy

Shoreline Amphitheatre is one of the premier concert venues in the Bay Area. Along with its convenient location in Mountain View, city residents may purchase tickets for many events at Shoreline Amphitheatre one day in advance of the general public. Tickets to Amphitheatre events usually go on sale to the public on Sundays during the concert season.

To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Beginning in mid-April, Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Box Office Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on resident ticket sales days from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Valid proof of residency is required to issue the identification card and to purchase tickets. Proof of residency may include a valid California driver’s license, or DMV-issued California identification card, along with a current utility bill, such as a PG&E, phone, water or cable bill, indicating your name and a Mountain View address. Students may present a school picture identification card, along with a current report card mailed to their Mountain View address.

Information on new events is available by calling the Mountain View Resident Hotline at (650) 903-6605. A full description of the resident ticket program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office.

Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information. 

Senior Day Health Center Breaks Ground

Construction began in January on a new senior day health facility located next to Mountain View’s new Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue. Called the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center, the new facility is scheduled to open this fall.

The new senior day health center will be operated by Avenidas, a non-profit organization providing senior services. The facility will operate under a 40-year lease with the City, with all operating costs borne by Avenidas. The Avenidas facility will be separate from the Senior Center and provide daytime care for seniors who require assistance, complementing the services provided by Mountain View’s Senior Center.

Construction of the City’s new 25,000 sq. ft. Senior Center is scheduled to begin this summer and be complete by the end of 2006. The Senior Center structure will be a single-story, lodge-style building, featuring a social hall that can accommodate 200 people. The building will also include a kitchen, game room, exercise room, technology room, multi-purpose rooms, and an arts and crafts room.

Currently, the Mountain View Senior Center operates out of a temporary facility. All existing senior programs have been continued, including the noontime senior nutrition program, in the temporary facility.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 

New Book Club at the Library

The Mountain View Public Library is now hosting a monthly book club that is open to anyone who loves to discuss books. ‘Book Views’ meets one Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street.

The 2005 Book Views schedule includes:

March 23	<i>The God of Small Things</i> by Arundhati Roy
April 27	National Poetry Month: Share your favorite poems
May 25	<i>The Mayor of Casterbridge</i> by Thomas Hardy
June 22	<i>Housekeeping</i> by Marilynne Robinson
July 27	<i>The Shell Seekers</i> by Rosamunde Pilcher, and <i>Skinny Dip</i> by Carl Hiaasen
August 24	<i>Bitter Lemons</i> by Lawrence Durrell
September 28	Mountain View Library Centennial: Share your childhood favorites and library memories.
October 26	<i>Middlemarch</i> by George Eliot
November 30	<i>A Bend in the River</i> by V.S. Naipaul

For more information, call (650) 903-6337 or visit the Library website at: <http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us>. 



A Summer Full of Free Programs at the Library

The Mountain View Library offers an array of summer programs for young people of all ages and their families this summer. All programs are free and open to the public.

Summer Reading Programs

The Library’s *Summer Reading Program* offers young people an opportunity to keep track of the books they read independently during summer vacation and receive prizes for meeting individual goals. This year’s themes are ‘*Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds*’ and ‘*Joust Read*.’

A parallel program called *Reading Families* is open to family members of all ages, including non-readers. Preschoolers receive credit for books read to them and older participants record books read aloud or alone. A prize is awarded to families who complete the program.

The Library will host a Reading Program Kick Off party on Thursday, June 15 in Pioneer Park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic supper. Cake will be provided by the Friends of the Library, who help make the summer reading activities possible. A sword fighting demonstration and other activities are planned by the Society for Creative Anachronism to give people a taste of life in the middle ages.

Sign up for either or both programs at the Kick Off party or at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Become a Library Detective


Librology, a library research game for children 8 years and older, will be back again during the month of July. Children are introduced to electronic resources, reference books and research skills as they hunt for information treasures.

Thursday Afternoon Programs for Ages 5-12

This program is aimed at inspiring young people to read and includes appearances by magicians, musicians, puppeteers and live animals.

Tuesday Morning Preschool Drop-in Programs

During the month of July, tots can drop in with an adult in the morning for musical story-times.

For a detailed schedule of summer Library activities, visit the Library’s website at <http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us> or call Children’s Services at (650) 903-6897. 


Free Children’s Theatre in the Park

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PTY), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children’s theatre productions this summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

See a different 45-minute production each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from July 1 through August 19. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on in the Center’s outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

July 1	Thumbelina
July 8	Charlotte’s Web
July 15	Pinocchio
July 22	Jack and the Magic Beans
July 29	The Tortoise and the Hare
August 5	Stone Soup
August 12	Frog Prince
August 19	Dr. Doolittle

The performers are students (ages 6–13) enrolled in PYT’s popular “Children’s Theater in the Park” summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp.

For more information, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com. 

City Library Services Celebrate 100th Anniversary

The Mountain View Public Library will celebrate 100 years of public library services in the City on September 20, 2005. In honor of its centennial, the Library will host a variety of events this fall, including a birthday party, author programs, a Fond Memories project, displays, and the release of a CD-ROM highlighting Mountain View’s history.

For more information, visit the Library’s website at: <http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us> or call (650) 903-633. 

The first public library in Mountain View was started by the Women’s Club, and later became part of Mountain View’s city services. When a new City Hall building was dedicated in 1909, the Library occupied a small corner of the first floor. Laura Belle Graham, was Mountain View’s first paid Librarian.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? CONCERNS? KUDOS?

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you’d like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager’s Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department. Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager’s Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

Name

Date

Address

Zip Code

Daytime phone ()

I would like a reply:

☐ by telephone

☐ by mail

☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or go to the City website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us to download a volunteer application.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade—Special Event—Volunteers are needed to help at the 27th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 30. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths and to work as block monitors. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Deer Hollow Farm—Docents and Animal Care Volunteers—Docents teach small groups of school children (K-4) about the working farm and garden, the surrounding wilderness area and the Ohlone way of life. Volunteer Tuesday,

Wednesday, or Thursday mornings with a 2- to 4-hour commitment, or Sunday mornings or afternoons. Animal Care volunteers feed, clean and care for livestock

Monday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons and Thursday afternoons with a 1- to 2-hour commitment. Adult volunteers welcome. No experience necessary. Training is provided. Deer Hollow Farm is located in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve in Los Altos. For more information, call (650) 903-6430 or e-mail dhfarms@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Center for Performing Arts—Ushers—Assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, April 11 and Monday, April 18, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Center for Performing Arts—Office Assistant—Volunteers are needed 10 hours a week during business hours. Skills required are word processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or email jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Center for the Performing Arts—Art Docents—Volunteers are needed to greet the public at the art display in the CPA lobby. No background in art required. Shifts are from 12:00 noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. The application process includes an interview and background check. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Community Development—Mediators—Help resolve rental housing, neighborhood, consumer and workplace disputes. Volunteers must successfully complete a 32-hour training course to learn mediation skills and conflict resolution techniques. Applicants must live, work or own property in Mountain View. For more information or to obtain an application, call the Mediation Office at (650) 960-0495.

Police Department—Mobile Radar Trailer Deployment—Volunteers are needed to set up and pick up the Department's radar trailers throughout the community. Training will be provided. For more information, call Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Police Department—Administrative Assistants—Volunteers are needed to assist with general office duties and special projects. Hours vary depending on assignments. For more information, call Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Library—Children's Services—Volunteers are needed in the Children's area to prepare and/or shelve books and other library materials and work with the on-line catalog. Minimum age is 13. An application and interview are required. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or email maynard.martinez@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Senior Center—Blood Pressure Nurses—Registered Nurses are needed to provide free blood pressure checks to seniors on the third Friday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Volunteers will be placed on a rotating schedule. For more information, contact John Marchant at (650) 903-6330.

Fire Department—CERT—Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting Community Emergency Response Team training for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials and special projects. For more information, call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

Shoreline at Mountain View Park—Rengstorff House Docent—Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, answer questions and conduct guided tours of the historical house that belonged to one of the City's founding families. Training is provided. The Rengstorff House is open Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and staffing is in three-hour shifts. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.



Shoreline at Mountain View Park—Rengstorff Garden Docent—Volunteers are needed to plant and maintain the gardens

around the House and provide flower arrangements for the parlors. Work hours are flexible. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.

Shoreline at Mountain View Park—Gatehouse Rangers—Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, provide information, monitor park activities, and educate the public about Shoreline policies. Opportunities are available seven days a week with staffing in three-hour shifts. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.

Shoreline at Mountain View Park—Patrol Rangers—Volunteers are needed for Shoreline Park and Stevens Creek Trail to provide information, educate the public about park and trail policies, and keep natural areas free from litter. All Rangers are supplied with a ranger shirt, patches, nametag, training and supervision. Two-way radios are used to keep volunteers in contact with emergency personnel. The trail and park are open seven days a week and hours are flexible. You must be 18 or older. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.

Upcoming Opportunities

Summer Youth Programs—Various Jobs—The City offers many summer volunteer opportunities for young people that can give them valuable experience, including the Leadership-In-Training program for summer day camps, Junior Lifeguards at City pools, and work at Deer Hollow Farm. Look for an information brochure coming to your school in March. Interviews are in May, with training in June. Interested candidates must be 13 to 18 years old.

If you have an idea, or special skill or talent to offer, or want to join our TEAM, please call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607 or go to the City website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us to download a volunteer application.

Airplane Overflight Noise

Call these telephone numbers if you have questions or concerns about overflight airplane noise. For flights in to or out of:

- San Francisco International Airport, call (650) 821-5100.
- Mineta San Jose International Airport, call (408) 452-0707.
- Moffett Federal Airfield, call (650) 604-2940.

If you are not sure which airport is the source of the noise, call San Francisco International Airport at (650) 821-5100 for help in determining the origin and destination of all air traffic in the area.

City Recognized as a Best Workplace for Commuters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation have recognized the City of Mountain View for the second year in a row as one of the Bay Area's "Best Workplaces for Commuters." The designation recognizes employers who encourage and provide benefits to employees who carpool or take vans or transit to work, as well as walk and bike to work. The goal of the award is to reduce traffic congestion, relieve parking demand, and minimize the environmental impact of drive-alone commuting.

For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at (650) 903-6331.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 2 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 3 Human Relations Commission, 6:30 p.m., PCR

Performing Arts Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
- 8 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 12 Arbor Day Celebration, Festivities begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Library, 585 Franklin Street, and continue from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, 1146 Church Street

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 19 Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 21 Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 22 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 30 2005 Teens at Work Fair, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mountain View High School Cafeteria, 3535 Truman Avenue

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR



April

- 6 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 8 Application deadline for entry in the 27th Annual Downtown Spring Parade. Call (650) 903-6331 for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 9 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 12 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 13 Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 18 Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 20 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC

- 22 Registration deadline for City-Wide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale. Call the Solid Waste and Recycling Section at (650) 903-6311 to register for the City-Wide Garage Sale. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 to register for the Community Yard Sale.
- 23 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Santa Clara. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 26 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 27 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 30 27th Annual Downtown Parade, begins at 12:00 noon on Castro Street. A celebration in Pioneer Park follows the parade.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Los Altos. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.



May

- 4 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 5 Human Relations Commission, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 7 City-Wide Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 10 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11 Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 Performing Arts Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
- 13 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 14 Community Yard Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 18 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 21 Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 25 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 30 Memorial Day holiday. City offices closed.

June

- 1 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 8 Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

- 14 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 15 Summer Reading Program Kick Off party, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Park, 1146 Church Street

Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 18 Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 20 Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 25 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Milpitas. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 29 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR

July

- 4 Independence Day holiday. City offices closed.
- 5 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 6 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 7 Human Relations Commission, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 13 Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 18 Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 20 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC



August

- 3 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 10 Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 Performing Arts Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
- 15 Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 17 Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 20 Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 30 City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 31 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR

CC - Council Chambers, City Hall
PCR - Plaza Conference Room, City Hall
ACR - Atrium Conference Room, City Hall
All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.